



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 17, 2007

H.R. 3013 **Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act of 2007**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on August 2, 2007

H.R. 3013 would prohibit federal prosecutors or agents, in a federal investigation, from demanding or requesting that a corporation waive its attorney-client privilege or from using a waiver as a factor in determining whether to indict the organization. The bill also would bar prosecutors from compelling a corporation to submit its attorneys' litigation materials. Under the bill, a corporation could agree to waive its attorney-client privilege as under current law.

CBO estimates that H.R. 3013 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. According to the Department of Justice, the bill could alter and possibly increase federal attorneys' litigation duties. CBO estimates, however, that any resulting increase in federal spending would total less than \$500,000 a year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 3013 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3013 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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